

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1377

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans on winning the 2010 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2010 season, winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship, the State's highest level of high school softball competition; and

WHEREAS, a softball powerhouse with a long tradition of excellence, the Lady Trojans of Soddy-Daisy High School compiled a phenomenal season record of 52-2 as they laid claim to their seventh state championship title; and

WHEREAS, facing nationally-ranked foes back-to-back, the Lady Trojans vanquished the defending state champion Lady Warriors of Riverdale High in the semi-final game and then used timely hitting, superb pitching, and amazing fielding to defeat the Lady Buccaneers of Beech High School, 8-5, in the final game as they earned the right to the title of State Champions; and

WHEREAS, state championships are won only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lady Trojans exhibited each of these rare qualities during their 2010 championship season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Clifford Kirk saw his Lady Trojans break the national hitting record with 578 hits for the season as they earned an exclusive national ranking, claiming the

seventh-place slot on the ESPN Rise FAB 50 poll and taking fourteenth-place on the *USA Today* Top 25; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Clifford Kirk's able leadership, the Soddy-Daisy Lady Trojans benefited from the hard work and instruction of Assistant Coaches Lamar Lasley and Wes Skiles; and

WHEREAS, led by Lady Trojans seniors Brooke Ward, Brandi Lasley, Andie Johnson, and Taylor Wilson, the members of this championship team include Cassidy Hakney, Alex Everett, Kali Henderson, Mariam Wood, Amelia Putnam, Kelsey Nunley, Emily Bice, Tori Denayer, Morgan Bailey, McClain Hamrick, Olivia Williams, Ashley Chaney, and Hayley Evertt; and

WHEREAS, courageous Lady Trojan catcher Taylor Wilson, who lost her father - Soddy-Daisy's biggest fan - Alan Wilson, this past December, will join two Lady Trojans teammates, Brooke Ward and Brandi Lasley, in continuing their softball careers as they have signed to play for Tennessee Wesleyan College next year; and

WHEREAS, the softball players of Soddy-Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans for winning the 2010 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Clifford Kirk and the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans on their remarkable 2010 season and upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Tournament Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.